

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of performing a transaction in a database system,
2 comprising:

3 receiving a transaction to be performed, wherein the transaction is
4 processed by a plurality of access modules; and

5 performing a flush of a transaction log in each access module
6 before an end transaction procedure.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising issuing a request to
2 flush the transaction log with a message sent to each access module for
3 performing a last step of the transaction.

1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising avoiding performance of
2 a transaction log flush in the end transaction procedure.

1 4. The method of claim 2, further comprising determining that the last
2 step is being performed by all of the plurality of access modules.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining if the
2 transaction log has been flushed before performing the end transaction
3 procedure.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising avoiding performance of
2 a transaction log flush in the end transaction procedure if the transaction log has
3 been flushed.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 identifying the transaction as an implicit transaction.

1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 performing the end transaction procedure, which follows execution
3 of the transaction.

1 9. The method of claim 8, performing the end transaction procedure
2 comprising:
3 skipping broadcast of a directive indicating commencement of the
4 end transaction procedure to the plurality of access modules.

1 10. A method of performing an end transaction procedure in a
2 database system, comprising:
3 a first access module in the database system writing an end
4 transaction indication to a first transaction log portion, the first access module
5 being part of a cluster of access modules; and
6 the first access module sending an end transaction directive to a
7 fallback module associated with the first access module, the fallback module
8 being part of the cluster.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the first access module sends the
2 end transaction directive to the fallback module but not to other access modules
3 in the cluster.

1 12. The method of claim 10, wherein sending the end transaction
2 directive comprises sending an end transaction-part one directive.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the first access module
2 broadcasting an end transaction-part two directive to all access modules in the
3 cluster.

1 14. The method of claim 10, further comprising the fallback module
2 writing an end transaction indication to a second transaction log portion.

1 15. The method of claim 10, further comprising the first access module
2 flushing the first transaction log portion.

1 16. The method of claim 10, further comprising the first access module
2 flushing the first transaction log portions but the other access modules in the
3 cluster not flushing their respective transaction log portions.

1 17. A database system comprising:
2 a plurality of storage media; and
3 a plurality of access modules, wherein each access module is
4 coupled to one of the plurality of storage media; and
5 each of the access modules being adapted to flush a transaction log
6 before performing an end transaction procedure.

1 18. The database system of claim 17, further comprising a controller
2 adapted to determine if each access module has flushed the transaction log
3 maintained by the access module.

1 19. The database system of claim 18, wherein the controller is adapted
2 to skip sending a directive to perform a transaction log flush if the controller
3 determines that each access module has flushed the transaction log before the
4 end transaction procedure.

1 20. The database system of claim 17, further comprising a controller
2 adapted to provide a flush directive with a message to each of the access
3 modules to perform a last step of the transaction.

1 21. An article comprising a medium storing instructions for enabling a
2 processor-based system to:
3 receive a transaction to be performed, wherein the transaction is
4 processed by a plurality of access modules ;
5 determine that a last step of the transaction involves the plurality of
6 access modules; and
7 flush a transaction log to a storage while the last step is performed
8 by the plurality of access modules.

1 22. The article of claim 21, further storing instructions for enabling the
2 processor-based system to:
3 perform an end transaction, wherein the end transaction follows
4 execution of the transaction.

1 23. The article of claim 22, further storing instructions for enabling a
2 processor-based system to:
3 avoid broadcast of a directive indicating commencement of the end
4 transaction to the plurality of access modules.

1 24. A method of performing a transaction in a database system,
2 comprising:
3 receiving a transaction to be performed on plural access modules in
4 the database system;
5 maintaining a log to track operations performed in the transaction;
6 writing the log to persistent storage before start of an end
7 transaction procedure.

1 25. The method of claim 24, wherein writing the log to persistent
2 storage comprises flushing the log.

1 26. The method of claim 24, wherein maintaining the log comprises
2 maintaining a transaction log.

1 27. The method of claim 24, further comprising performing the end
2 transaction procedure, the end transaction procedure comprising writing an end
3 transaction indication into the log.

1 28. A database system comprising:
2 storage media;
3 access modules coupled to the storage media; and
4 a parsing engine coupled to the access modules, the parsing engine
5 adapted to perform one of:

6 (a) providing a directive with a message to perform a last
7 step of a transaction and communicating the directive to the access modules,
8 each access module responsive to the directive to perform a transaction log flush
9 before performance of an end transaction procedure; and

10 (b) determining if each of the access modules has
11 performed a transaction log flush before start of the end transaction procedure;
12 the parsing engine adapted to avoid sending a broadcast directive
13 to the access modules to cause performance of a transaction log flush during the
14 end transaction procedure.